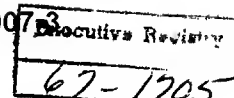


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4 April 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Speaking Requests

1. Over the past year, I have received a steadily increasing number of requests to give speeches or participate in seminars dealing with Vietnam. My standard policy is to refuse such requests unless they come from some official body (e. g. , the National War College or Foreign Service Institute) and do not involve trips outside of Washington. Normally I do not bother you with these requests (though I do not accept any from outside the Agency without your concurrence), but I have three of them in hand on which I would like your guidance. I am inclined to accept two of them and would like to turn down the third, if you approve.

2. Last week Dr. George Tanham (former USAID Director of Rural Operations and now number two man in RAND's Washington office) asked me if I would participate in a seminar being arranged by Professor Samuel P. Huntington of Harvard. I told Tanham that I do not normally accept outside engagements and, in any event, would have to have some written description of the activity involved. On 31 March I received the attached letter from Professor Huntington, which is self-explanatory. I would not want to submit a paper but could give a talk on Sunday (14 May) without missing more than half a day at most (Monday morning) from my desk (with luck on airline connections, I could get back to Washington Sunday night). Subject to your approval, I am inclined to accept this request, since it would not involve much time away from work and because it seems to me that it would be good public relations for the Agency for me to participate in this exercise.

3. I have also received a request from the current Program Committee Chairman of the 1967 Delegation of Berzellus, my Senior Society at Yale, inviting me to speak at one of the Society's Sunday evening meetings this spring on a topic of my choice. Yale Senior Societies are curious institutions

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with strict rules. No Society meeting may be attended except by current or past members, and nothing said at any meeting may be mentioned outside the Society's building (known in New Haven as its "tomb"). These ironclad, tradition-encrusted ground rules would minimize the risks of an unfortunate incident or publicity, were I to accept this invitation. Apart from personal considerations, I think this might be an opportunity to educate fifteen leading members of Yale's current senior class on the facts of life in Vietnam, thus performing, in essence, the same sort of service that we performed in speaking to Williams College's delegation which visited Washington last year. If I go, I can pick the date and be back at my desk by midday on the Monday after the Sunday session.

4. I have also received a letter from Mr. Francis P. Hoerber, Assistant Director of the Strategic Studies Center of the Stanford Research Institute, asking me to participate in this year's Military Operations Research Society Symposium to be held on 25, 26, and 27 April at Fort Bliss, Texas. This one, which would take three work days, I am strongly inclined to turn down unless you see reason why the Agency would benefit greatly from my participation.

George A. Carver, Jr.
Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

Attachment

Ltr from Professor Huntington
dated 30 March 1967

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March 30, 1967

Mr. George A. Carver, Jr.

Dear Mr. Carver:

I was delighted to learn from George Tanham that you might be interested in preparing a paper on the role of the military in Vietnamese politics for the Conference on Political Development in Vietnam. The conference will take place on May 14th and 15th at the Wingspread conference center of the Johnson Foundation at Racine, Wisconsin. It is sponsored by the Southeast Asia Development Advisory Group in conjunction with the Johnson Foundation. The participants will include approximately twenty-five people expert in Vietnam and/or political development coming primarily from universities and the government.

It is our hope that in your paper you could analyze the patterns of change within the Vietnamese military with some attention to the social-economic background of the officers, the factional cleavages and their political ideologies and purposes. It would also be extremely useful, I think, if you could touch on the relations between the various military groups and principal civilian actors on the Vietnamese political scene. Obviously, however, you are the best judge of what should be in the paper, and I would hope that you would feel free to develop whatever lines you think to be important. If you should wish to discuss it with me, please give me a ring (617-868-7600, Ext. 4432).

George said that you might only be able to make it out for Sunday, and if this is the case, we can certainly schedule your paper for that day.

Among the other papers which will be presented at the conference are:

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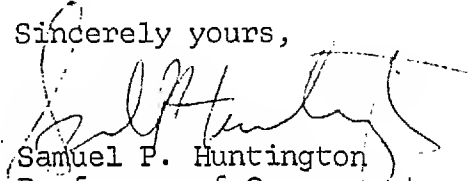
Mr. George A. Carver

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John Bennett,³ "Political Implications of Economic Change"; John Donnell,⁴ "Revolutionary Development and Its Impact on Political Infrastructure"; Edward Mitchell, "Land Tenure and Rebellion in South Vietnam"; Ithiel de Sola Pool,⁷ "Political Alternatives to the Viet Cong"; Milton Sacks,⁶ "Constitution Building in Vietnam: Prospects for Civilian Government". We are also in the process of negotiating with other scholars for additional papers on relevant topics.

I very much hope that you will be joining us and that you will be able to do this paper.

Sincerely yours,


Samuel P. Huntington
Professor of Government

- 2. FSO seconded to AID, on Poats' staff
- 5. Temple Univ. (Philadelphia) Professor; RAND consultant
- 6. RAND staffer (economist)
- 7. Professor at MIT Center for International Studies, RAND consultant
- 8. Professor at Brandeis, used to be with JusPto in Saigon

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